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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated October 11, 2001, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please replace the identified claims with the amended claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A discrete, preassembled, composite block unit for independent placement

as a unit with other laterally and vertically adjacent units to form a wall structure, comprising:

a first wall and a second wall, at least one of which is load bearing for vertical loads and made from a first, masonry-type material;

a connective structure formed of a second, non-masonry-type material and connected between the first and second walls, said connective structure having at least two connectors;